



Manchester Grand Hyatt & Seaport Village Information

The Manchester Grand Hyatt is located adjacent to beautiful Seaport Village. You can enjoy these wonderful landmarks in San Diego after the ceremony.

The downtown Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego serves a cosmopolitan mix of culinary styles with an added dimension -- each restaurant and lounge at the waterfront hotel features exceptional views of San Diego Bay.

Enjoy elegant surroundings and spectacular food when you dine at Hyatt's downtown San Diego restaurants. Sally's Restaurant is the epitome of the urbane waterfront dining experience with a fresh focus on seafood. Lael's serves contemporary cuisine for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Spectacular views and waterfront activity set Seaport Village apart from the multitude of San Diego dining and tourist options. Seaport Village is San Diego's waterfront landmark set among three distinctive plazas designed to capture the ambience of Old Monterey, Victorian San Francisco, and traditional Mexico. Stroll on charming winding paths and watch ships sail across the bay while you explore our one-of-a-kind shops looking for that perfect treasure, a unique souvenir, or just the right gift.

Whether you're looking for an intimate gathering spot, a festive group setting, or something in between, these locations have a restaurant to match your taste.

Dine seaside in one of the four award-winning fine dining restaurants or grab a quick bite at any of thirteen sidewalk eateries in Seaport Village. Choose bay-view dining or casual dining for a delicious meal, and don't miss all the goodies and treats available in the many charming shops.

So when you're craving something special in the perfect setting-Seaport Village, and the Manchester Grand Hyatt have it.

Your dining options at the Hyatt Grand Manchester and Seaport Village include distinct, festive restaurants. Indoors or out, the panoramic view of San Diego Bay is a perfect backdrop for this special occasion.

Buster's Beach House & Longboard Bar
Waterfront Restaurant & Bar with Eclectic Cuisine & Aloha Atmosphere
619-233-4300

Edgewater Grill
Steak, Seafood, Pasta & Pizza with Breakfast Served Daily
619-232-7581

Lael's Restaurant
American Cuisine
619-232-1234

Harbor House
Steak, Seafood, Oyster Bar & Pub
619-232-1141

San Diego Pier Cafe
Fresh Seafood
619-239-3968

Sally's Seafood on the Water
Fresh Seafood
619-358-6740



Spring Commencement 2006



Manchester Grand Hyatt

1 Market Place

San Diego, CA 92101

Friday, May 26, 2006 at 11:00 a.m.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR GRADUATES

CEREMONY INSTRUCTIONS

Congratulations on your pending degree completion! Within this correspondence is important information you will need to prepare for May Commencement. The Spring 2005 Commencement Ceremony will take place on Friday, May 26, 2006 at 11:00 a.m. at the Manchester Grand Hyatt in the Elizabeth Ballroom.

Participants and guests are to arrive at 9:00 a.m. to provide preparation time for the processional. Please enter the main lobby to the Hyatt and follow signs to the Elizabeth Ballroom, located on the second floor. Guests will proceed into the ballroom. Seating is available on a first come basis.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, degrees will be conferred by the President. **Please remain in your seat after you receive your diploma case until the end of the ceremony,** respecting the ceremony of the graduates who come after you.

Following the ceremony, it is important to keep the recessional line moving until all participants have cleared the main aisle. Please, do not stop for pictures during the processional/recessional. Guests should be seated inside the ballroom, and you can meet them immediately after the ceremony at the reception in the lobby.

Absolutely no alcoholic beverages may be brought into the Manchester Grand Hyatt.

9:00 a.m.

*Seating of guests begins.

*Graduates, faculty and administrative staff arrive.

*Formation of the academic procession begins in the Graduate Gathering Area on the patio (look for signs). Graduates are to obtain a reader card printed with their name on it from a Registrar's Office representative in this gathering area. You will line up with other students in your degree group for the processional. The Marshals will assist you. Marshals will be present to give directions and can be identified by their blue and sage sashes.

11:00 a.m.

Processional Begins:

1. The processional will begin promptly at 11:00 a.m. Follow the Marshals' instructions as the procession begins. Wear the tassel on your mortarboard on the right side. Proceed to the staging area. When you reach your seat, remain standing until you are instructed to be seated.

2. After several presentations the Presentation of the Class of 2006 will be announced; please stand upon the request of your Dean, along with the others in your group who are receiving the same type of degree, in the order shown in the program. Your Dean will present you all as a group to the President.

3. Advance to the reader as directed by the Marshal.

4. As you approach the reader lectern, hand your card to the reader at the lectern, who will announce your name. Then walk to the stage. A Marshal will direct you across the stage. Doctoral degree graduates, please note that after your name is announced you will shake hands with your Program Director and Dissertation Chairperson, hand her/him your hood, and turn to face the audience to have your hood placed over your head. Walk across the stage to receive your diploma case from the President.

5. Upon being handed the diploma case, accept it with your left hand and shake hands with the President with your right hand; at this point your graduation photo will be taken.

6. Proceed across the stage, and return to your original row and be seated.

7. **Please respect the ceremonial process for your fellow graduates by remaining in your seat throughout the ceremony.** Your degree will be conferred upon the President's proclamation at the conclusion of the ceremony. After this proclamation, move the tassel on your cap to the left side.

8. The recessional march will begin at the direction of the Marshals down the main aisle. The President's party will leave the stage first followed by the faculty and then by the graduates. All graduates must remain in the recessional line *without stopping* until the line reaches the reception area.



Caps and Gowns

Cap and gown orders must be placed through the Bookstore, (858) 635-4512. If it is not convenient or possible to pick up your cap and gown at the Bookstore, include with your order \$6.00 for freight and handling (\$9.00 if outside California); and we will mail your regalia to you. Please be sure to include your exact mailing address when you order your cap and gown. Sorry, no shipments outside the United States.

Unit/Hood prices do not include tax (units include cap, gown, and tassel)

	Unit	Hood
Bachelor's	\$26	N/A
Master's	\$28.70	\$23.20
Doctorate	\$36.70	\$28.50

(prices do not include tax or shipping if necessary; shipping is \$6)

There are no hoods for Bachelor's degrees. Those receiving a Master's degree should wear their hoods to commencement; those receiving a doctoral degree should bring their hoods to the ceremony for hooding on the stage by the chairperson. Your gown may be dry cleaned/ironed. The trim on the doctoral robe is velvet.

Deadline to order caps and gowns is Friday, May 12

COMMENCEMENT RECEPTION

You and your guests are invited to attend the Commencement Reception which will be held immediately following the ceremony in the foyer. This is an opportunity for you to visit with University administrators, faculty, staff, and other graduates. Enjoy light refreshments, update your contact information with Alumni Relations, and have a family photo taken.

COMMENCEMENT VIDEOS

Professionally edited videos of the Spring Commencement ceremony are available through Media Services. Videos can be personalized and formatted for foreign signal conversions at an additional cost. For more information e-mail mediaservices@alliant.edu or call (858) 635-4680.

COMMENCEMENT PHOTOGRAPHS

California Candids will take photographs at the stage area as you receive your diploma. You will be sent a complementary color proof at your home address over the summer for your approval and option to order. California Candids will also be available during the reception inside the Elizabeth Ballroom for still photographs. Graduates may also go back into the ballroom during the reception to take personal photos. To contact California Candids, call (858) 571-7370.

COMMENCEMENT FLOWERS

Flowers will be available for sale prior to Commencement in the foyer outside the Elizabeth Ballroom. Flowers are packaged in water vials to preserve freshness throughout the ceremony. The following will be available:

- Orchid leis
- Orchid corsages
- Spring bouquets
- Roses

COMMENCEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

For information on availability and pricing, visit www.jostens.com.

Register For Commencement!!!

It is essential that you register for Commencement before the April 17th deadline!! Complete and return the registration card (i.e. yellow card) provided by the Registrar's Office.

You can call (858) 635-4706 for more information about registration and commencement eligibility.

Parking and Guest Information for the Hyatt

There is a fee of \$8.00 per car for self parking. Valet service is available for \$14 per car. Please allow yourself enough time to park your vehicle and be seated for the ceremony.

Spring Commencement

MAKE PLANS NOW FOR GUEST ACCOMMODATIONS

If you have out of town guests, here are some nearby hotels that offer special rates for AIU guests. Mention AIU when making reservations.

Holiday Inn (Miramar)
9225 Kearny Mesa Road
San Diego, CA 92126
(800) 356-3307

Quality Suites
9880 Mira Mesa Blvd.
San Diego, CA
(800) 822-6692

Manchester Grand Hyatt
1 Market Place
San Diego, CA 92101
(800) 233-1234

For more tourist information, visit the San Diego website at <http://www.sandiego.com>

For general information regarding the 2006 Commencement or if you need special assistance due to an injury or a disability, contact Erica Pizano at (858) 635-4847, or e-mail epizano@alliant.edu

End of Year Ball

The 2006 End of the Year Ball will take place on Friday, May 12, 2006 from 6pm-12am at the Hilton San Diego Resort on Mission Bay. Tickets can be purchased at the Student Activities Office on the Scripps Ranch Campus (M-1). Graduating Students-\$15, Students & Faculty-\$20, Guests-\$25. The evening will feature a social hour, dinner and dancing. ***This is a wonderful opportunity for you to enjoy the final days of your program with friends and family, while networking with colleagues and faculty members. We hope to see you there!!***

A NOTE TO OUR NEW ALUMNI

As your commencement day approaches, you will experience a wide range of emotions. It is exciting to know that you have not only successfully earned your degree, but you are about to begin a brand new chapter of your life. Naturally graduation is a time to feel the joy of such completion, and perhaps the uncertainty of leaving behind the familiar.

Commencement is an inspirational time. You are joining over 28,000 alumni of Alliant International University, and you have the ability to make a difference in the world, just as many other AIU alumni have done and

continue to do. Your fellow alumni have gone on to be government leaders, television actors, international entrepreneurs, authors, world-renowned psychologists, educators, and presidents and executives of national and international companies, universities, foundations, and associations. You are in good company when you proudly state that you are a graduate of AIU!

The AIU Alumni Association includes all graduates of the University. Simply stated, upon graduation you are a member. Benefits include the opportunity to network with your fellow alumni at alumni functions; a

quarterly subscription to *Currents/Update*, our alumni newsletter; discounts on Continuing Education courses offered by AIU; assistance in reconnecting with fellow alumni; and the bond of AIU with professionals throughout the world.

An important part of being a member of the AIU Alumni Association is keeping the Office of Alumni Relations up-to-date with your most recent address, both physical and electronic, as well as career successes and personal developments. The most efficient way that we can keep you current with your friends and the University's activities is

through the mail, so you can see how important it is that you keep us informed.

Again, congratulations during this very exciting time in your life! The AIU Alumni Association wishes you success and goodwill as you travel through life with the knowledge and experiences you have gained at AIU!

Respectfully,
Alumni Relations

